

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A controlled debris perforating system, comprising:  
a shaped charge comprising having a charge case, and an explosive material disposed in the charge case and a liner disposed in the charge case, the charge case defining at least one slot about which the charge case is adapted to fracture in response to detonation of the explosive material.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is axially oriented.

4.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is a V-notched groove.

7. (Previously Presented) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is an external slot.

8.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of using one or more shaped charges in a well, comprising:

providing a perforating string having one or more shaped charges, the shaped charges comprising a charge case, an explosive material disposed in the charge case and a liner disposed in the charge case, the charge case defining at least one slot about which the charge case is adapted to fracture in response to detonation of the explosive material; and conveying the perforating string into the well.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the perforating string comprises a loading tube and carrier.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the perforating string comprises a spiral gun.

20.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the case comprises an opening to receive the explosive material and the opening is separate from said at least one slot.

23. (Previously Presented) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein said at least slot comprises at least one groove formed in a wall of the case.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 23, wherein said at least one groove is cut into the wall of the case.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the case comprises an opening to receive an explosive material and the opening is separate from said at least one slot.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said at least slot comprises at least one groove formed in a wall of the case.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said at least one groove is cut into the wall of the case.

31.-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling the debris during perforating, comprising:

providing a shaped charge comprising having a charge case, a liner disposed in the charge case and an explosive disposed in the charge case, the charge case defining at least one groove about which the charge case is adapted to fracture in response to detonation of an explosive.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein said at least one groove is axially oriented.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein said at least one groove is located on the outside of the charge case.

36.-41. (Cancelled)

42. (New) A controlled debris perforating system, comprising:  
a shaped charge comprising a charge case, the charge case adapted to receive a liner and an explosive material and the charge case defining at least one slot about which the charge case is adapted to fracture in response to detonation of the explosive material.

43. (New) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 42, wherein the at least one slot is axially oriented.

44. (New) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 42, wherein the at least one slot is a V-notched groove.

45. (New) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 42, wherein the at least one slot is an external slot.